

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 13 to 15.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 7, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

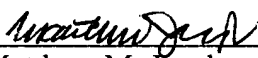
This has been accomplished by the above amendment, wherein new claims 13 to 15 correspond to claims 7, 8 and 10 rewritten in independent form, respectively.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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